# Workforce Indicators at your Fingertips: QWI Explorer

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Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)/Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

• LEHD/LED Overview

Understanding N.A.I.C.S.

LEHD/LED Web Tools

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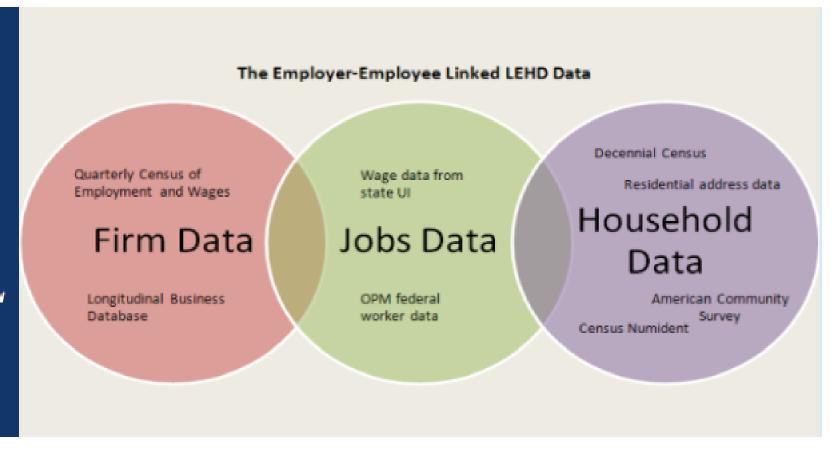


# Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)

#### What is LEHD?

Until recently, many interactions between workers and firms were unobservable because there existed no link between employer and household data in the U.S. statistical system.

Since 1999 the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program at the U.S. Census Bureau has sought to fill this gap in the nation's statistical infrastructure by building a comprehensive database of longitudinally linked jobs data. The potential uses of the LEHD jobs data are far-reaching, both for unraveling important economic questions and for the provision of new statistical products.





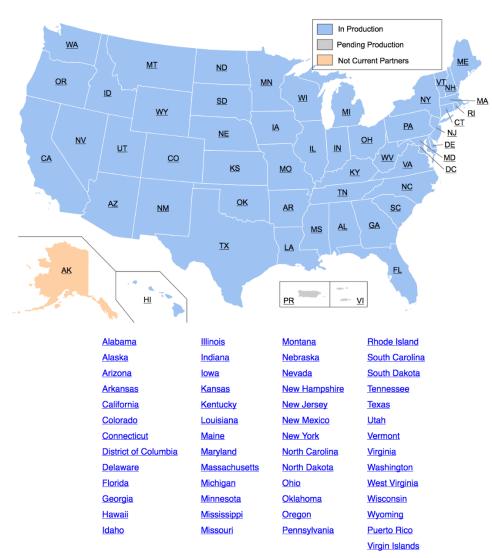
### Where Do the Data Come From?

- Local Employment Dynamics (LED)
   Partnership
  - Begun in late 1990s with a few states
  - Some states have time series back to 1990 (AZ goes back to 2004)
  - Not currently producing data for \*Alaska,
     Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands

<sup>\*</sup>Alaska data available in Quarterly Workforce Indicator (QWI) Explorer tool



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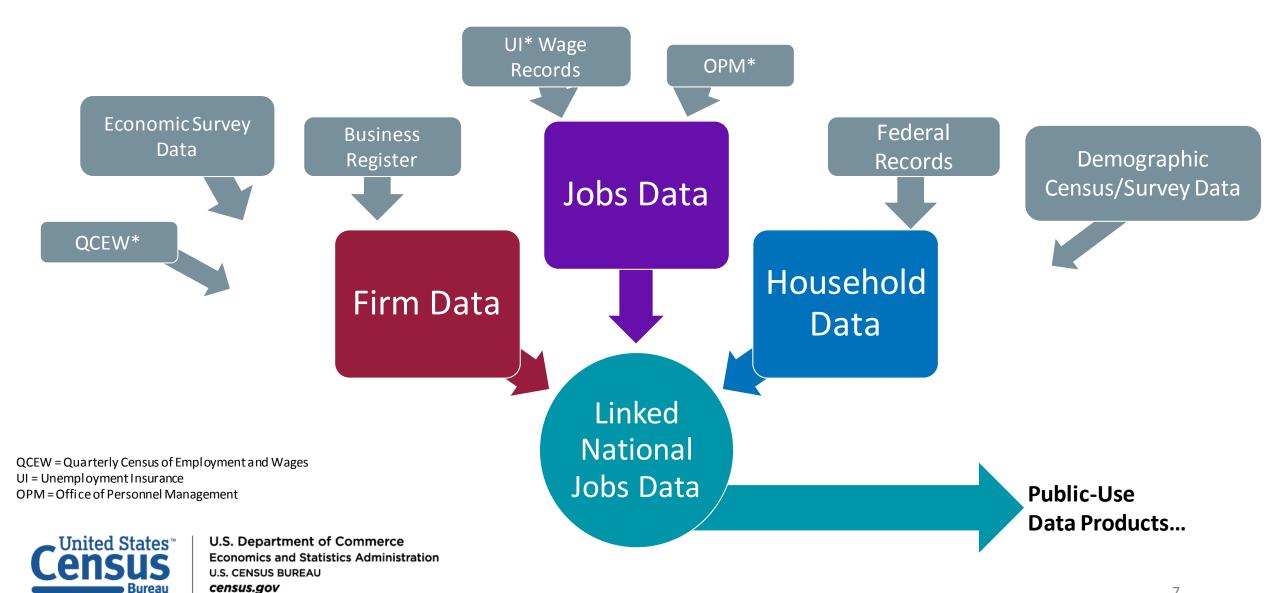
# Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Data

- Provides unprecedented detail about America's jobs, workers and local economies.
- Provides longitudinal record of U.S. Employment
- Integrates existing data from state-supplied administrative records on workers and employers
- LED is an integral part of the DOC Open Government Plan to unlock public access to high-value government data

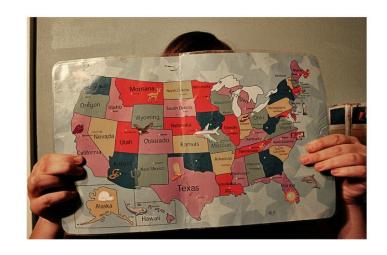
# **Building on State Inputs**

- We combine state records with other admin/census/survey data from the
   Census Bureau and other Federal agencies
- We can then create public statistics on:
  - Firms & Establishments
  - Jobs & Workers
  - By Firm and Person Characteristics
- Without new respondent burden

### Admin. Records & LED Infrastructure



### Local Employer-Household Dynamics: Public Use Data Products



The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI)

- Employment
- Job Creation, Job Destruction, Hires, Separations, Turnover
- By industry, county, CBSA, state,
   Workforce Investment Area (WIA) and worker characteristics

Job-to-Job Flows (J2J)

Traces worker
movement
through
industries,
geographic labor
markets, and
to/from
employment

OnTheMap/LEHD Origin-Destination Employment

Statistics (LODES)

- Employment at the Census block level by where workers live and work
- Popular uses local economic development, business site selection, and emergency planning



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 New set of statistics on the earnings and employment outcomes of graduates of postsecondary institutions in the United States

## Important to Know

- Job data cover over 95% of private employment and most state, local, and federal jobs
- Contains only UI-covered jobs: no US Post Office, no military jobs, no selfemployed, 1099s, etc.
- Excludes some secretive 3-letter agencies (NSA, FBI)
- Employment and wages measured at start of Q2
- OnTheMap: "Distance" is a straight-distance calculation: reported primary place of work, reported home location. Not on a road network, not a commute measurement
- OnTheMap: 2-digit NAICS only; 3-digit NAICS may be added to the J2J tool.



# North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)



### Getting Started: Learning Your Industry

# **NAICS** Codes

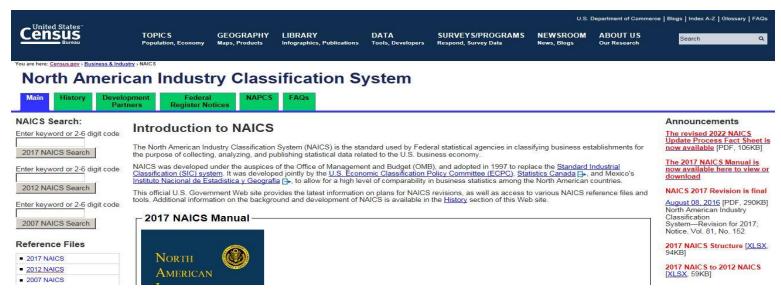
- North American Industry Classification System
  - Launched in 1997 as part of NAFTA
  - Codes are updated every 5 years (end in 2 & 7)
  - Hierarchical

Level	Code	Examples	
Sector	45	Retail Trade	
Sub-Sector	451	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	
Industry Group	4511	Sporting Goods, Hobby, and Musical Instrument Stores	
Industry	45112	Hobby, Toy, and Game Stores	
U.S. Industry	451120	Hobby, Toy, and Game Stores	



### More Information

- NAICS web site (<a href="https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/">https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/</a>)
  - Industry definitions and Concordance tables
  - Relationships to other systems
  - Federal Register Notices



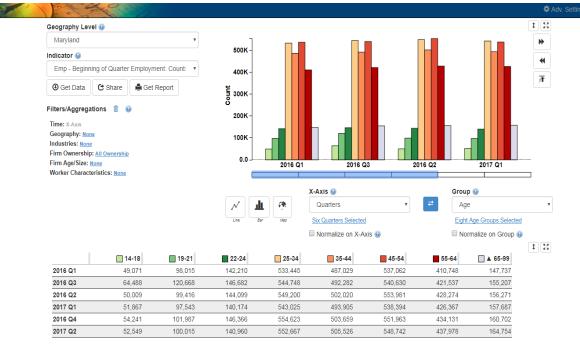


### LEHD Public Data Tools



### QWI Explorer

- √ 32 Quarterly Workforce Indicators
- ✓ Flexible Pivot Table and Map/Chart interface
- Data on detailed interactions between firms and workers include employment, employment change (individual and firm), and earnings
- ✓ Analyze/report by worker demographics: age, earnings, race, ethnicity, educational attainment, and sex



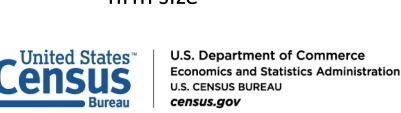
- ✓ Analyze/report by firm characteristics
  - ✓ NAICS classification (sector, 3, 4)
  - ✓ Firm age and firm size
- ✓ Quarterly data (9-12 months old)
- ✓ National and 50 states available (plus DC)

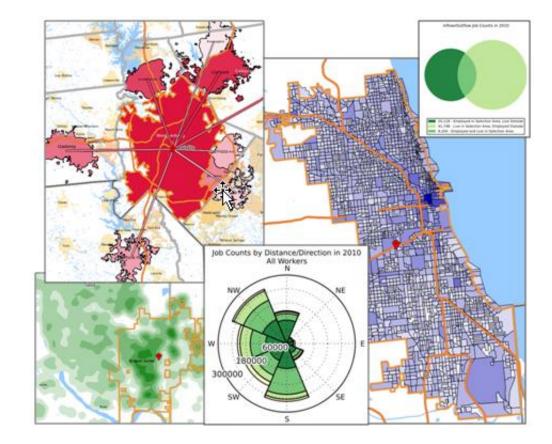


(QWI Explorer)

### OnTheMap

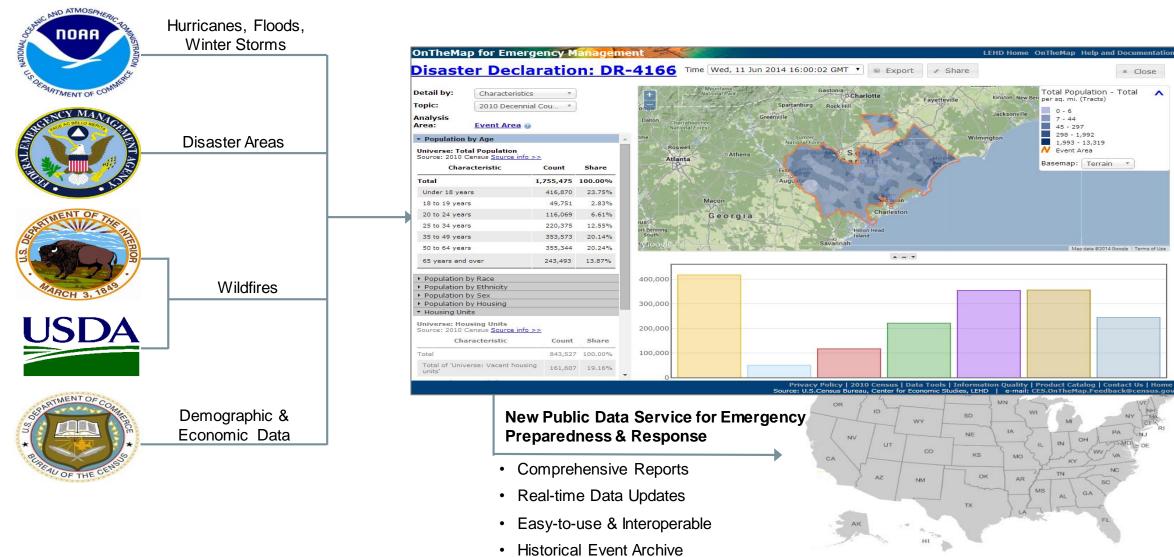
- ✓ Where do workers live?
- ✓ Where do residents work?
- ✓ What are the commuter flows of a particular area?
- ✓ Analyze/report by worker demographics
  - ✓ Age, earnings, race, ethnicity, educational attainment, and sex
- ✓ Analyze/report by firm characteristics
  - ✓ NAICS Sector, firm age, and firm size





- √2002-2015 annual data
- √50 states available (plus DC)
- ✓ User-selected areas
- ✓ Based on Census Blocks
- ✓ Disclosure protection
- ✓ Flexible Inputs/Outputs

## OnTheMap for Emergency Management





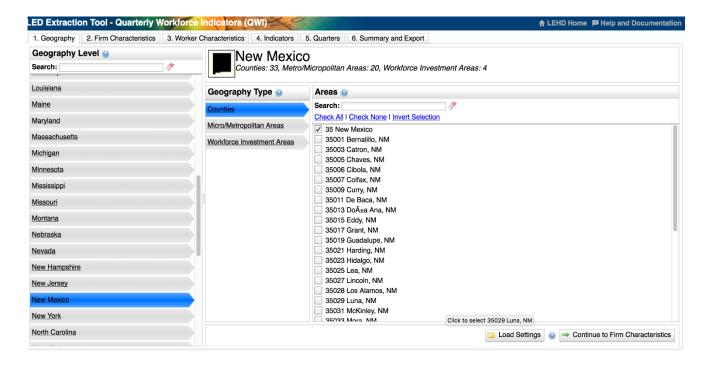
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(OnTheMapEM)

Flexible Analyses & Visualizations

#### LED Extraction Tool

- ✓ Comprehensive QWI Data Coverage Access 32 indicators, all available years/quarters, all firm/worker
- Characteristics, the Beta release of National QWI data, and all 50 states (plus the District of Columbia).
- ✓ Intuitive Interface Streamlined interface walks users through the process of selecting the data they need and ignoring the data they don't. Complex and confusing choices are made invisible to the user by not allowing false combinations and graying-out unavailable options.



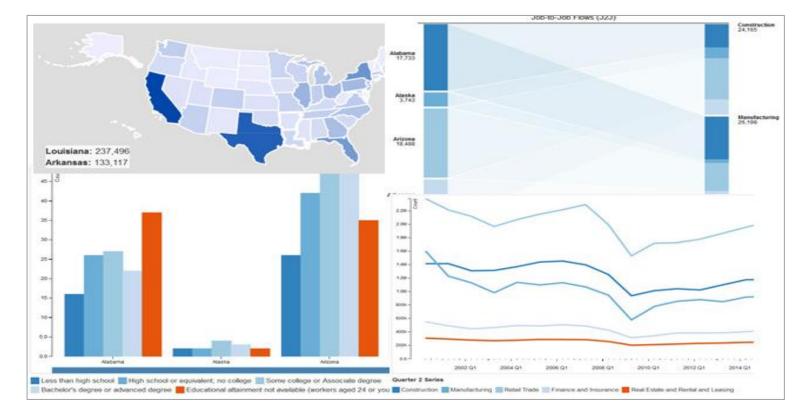
- ✓ Quick Results Data queries are processed quickly through a sequential job queue, then CSV and/or ZIP files (complete with metadata) area available for download. All completed data queries from a user's current session are saved for easy access in a query results list.
- ✓ Easy-To-Use Documentation Online documentation, including tutorials and walkthroughs



(LED Extraction Tool)

### J2J Explorer (Beta)

- √ 40 Measures of Worker Reallocation
- ✓ Six Visualization Modules with a flexible dashboard interface
- ✓ Export reports to Excel or CSV
- ✓ Trace worker movements through industries, geographic labor markets, and to/from employment
- ✓ Analyze/report by origin and destination at the national and state level



- ✓ Analyze/report by origin/destination firm characteristics, NAICS Sector, Firm age/firm size
- ✓ Analyze/report by worker demographics: age, earnings, race, ethnicity, educational attainment, and sex
- ✓ Data updated every quarter

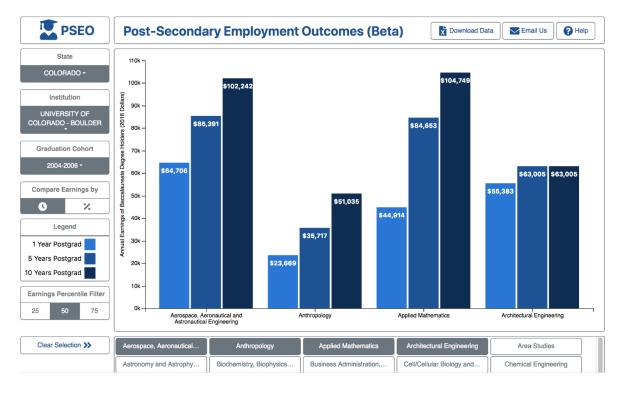


# Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) (Beta)

- ✓ Experimental tabulations
- ✓ Earnings and employment outcomes for college & university graduates by degree level, degree major, and post-secondary institution.
- ✓ Sate-of-the-art confidentiality protection mechanisms to protect the underlying data
- ✓ Data sharing partnerships between universities, university systems, State DOE, State Labor Market Information offices, and the U.S. Census Bureau
- ✓ Data are currently only available for post-graduate institutions whose transcript data has been made available to Census Bureau through a data-sharing agreement (Colorado, Michigan, Texas, & Wisconsin)







#### **Download Public-Use Data**

Two classes of files for Graduate Earnings tabulations:

- ✓ Comprehensive dataset, which includes all institutions and crossings.
- ✓ Earnings for each system, which is a subset of the above release.

# Choosing Among LED Data Products

What do you want?	Potential Drawbacks	Data Product
Employment, hires, separations, turnover, or earnings by detailed firm and person characteristics; quarterly time resolution; relatively short data lag	No geography below county; no residential information	QWI
Employment for detailed or customized geography; residential patterns of the workforce; relationship between worker employment and home locations	Annual time resolution; less detailed firm/person characteristics	LODES
Transitions between jobs by timing and firm or worker characteristics; transitions to/from nonemployment	No worker characteristics by firm characteristics (except geography), no geography below states	J2J



### Where Data is Published:

Data Product	Explore the data, answer questions, or get visualizations	Bulk data for use in analysis process/software	Live queries for building web applications
QWI	QWI Explorer	LED Extraction Tool and Raw data download	Census Bureau API
LODES	OnTheMap OnTheMap for Emergency Management	Raw data download	Future development
J2J	J2J Explorer	Raw data download	Future Development
PSEO	PSEO Visualization Tool	Raw data download	Future Development



### **Useful Links**

- QWI Explorer
  - Video Walkthrough
  - Example Scenarios
- J2J Explorer
  - Analysis Guides
  - FAQs
- OnTheMap
  - Getting Started
  - Analysis Guides
  - Other Tutorials



### Takeaways

- The LED Partnership provides unique workforce information and analysis tools at a relatively low cost
- LED data products can give insight into local and regional economies and labor markets
- LED's web tools provide free, 24/7 access to a basic analytical platform for the data

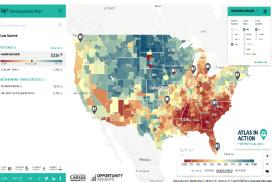
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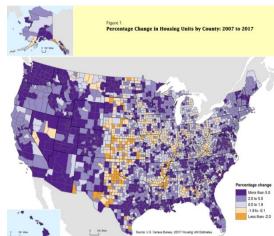
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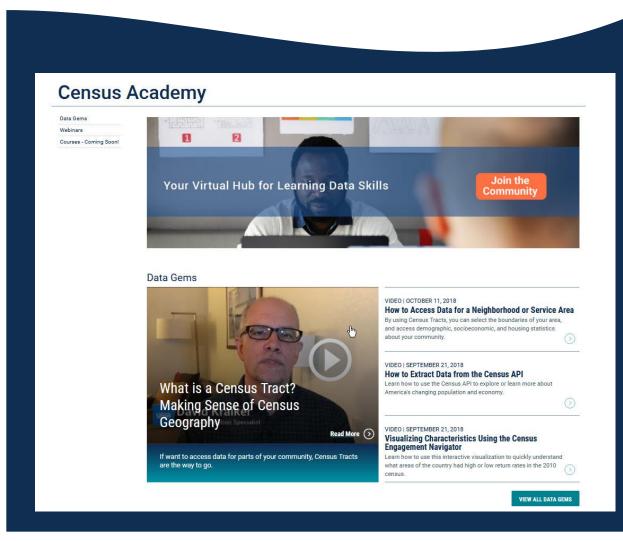


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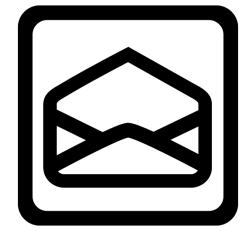
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# **Q&A** and Thank You!

